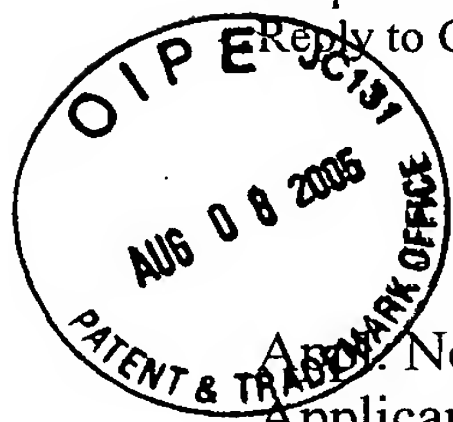


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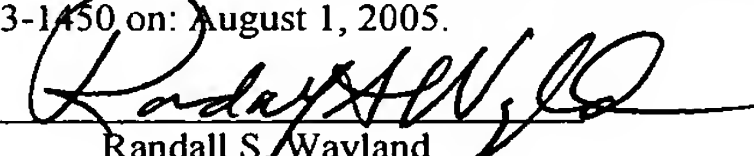
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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated July 1, 2005, in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued an Election of Species Requirement identifying the following Species:

Species A, drawn to an optical fiber device comprising a refractive index profile per Figure 3 [specification, page 6, [0025]].

Species B, drawn to an optical fiber device comprising a refractive index profile per Figure 8 [specification, page 6, [0028]].

Species C, drawn to an optical fiber device comprising a refractive index profile per Figure 9 [specification, page 6, [0028]].

Species D, drawn to an optical fiber device comprising a refractive index profile per Figure 10 [specification, page 6, [0028]].

Species E, drawn to an optical fiber device comprising a refractive index profile per Figure 11 [specification, page 6, [0028]].

The Examiner has requested Applicant to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is held to be finally allowable.

Applicants respectfully elect Species C of Fig. 9, upon which claims 1-14 read, without traverse.

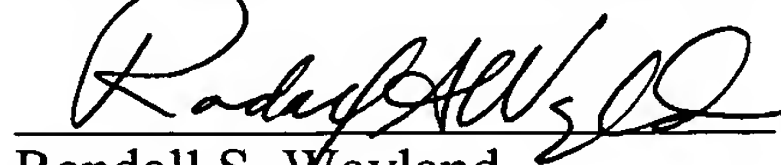
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Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicants be in error, Applicants respectfully request the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Response timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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